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1. EMBASSY OFFICERS MET ON MARCH 4 WITH ALBERTO REGUEIRA, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR FOREIGN TRADE, TO DISCUSS GSP. LATTER STATED THAT PORTUGAL WAS EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN GSP. BENEFITS FROM PARTICIPATION, HE ASSERTED, WOULD CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO NATION'S ECONOMY AND, THEREBY, ASSIST PORTUGAL'S EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A STABLE DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL SYSTEM. IF PORTUGAL DOES NOT GAIN ACCESS TO GSP, HE EMPHASIZED, THE COUNTRY WOULD LOSE NOT ONLY THE POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT BUT ALSO SOME OF ITS PRESENT POSITION IN U.S. MARKET.

2. DESPITE ITS FIRM DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE IN GSP, HE SAID, PORTUGAL HAS SERIOUS DIFFICULTY ACCEPTING SEVERAL CONDITIONS
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NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH ITS ELIGIBILITY. THESE PREOCCUPATIONS,

HE EXPLAINED, WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR GOP'S UNRESPONSIVENESS TO OUR EFFORTS IN LATE 1975 TO ACCELERATE PORTUGAL'S ACCESSION TO GSP. GOP'S PREOCCUPATIONS CAN BE SUMMARIED IN TWO BASIC POINTS. FIRST, EXTENSION OF ITS TARIFF REDUCTIONS ON MFN BASIS WOULD GRANT CONSIDERABLE BENEFITS TO THIRD COUNTRIES WITHOUT ANY COMPENSATION FROM BENEFICIARIES. SUCH A POLICY COULD CAUSE CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO PORTUGAL'S DOMESTIC INDUSTRY, ESPECIALLY IF BENEFICIARIES HAVE ECONOMIES HIGHLY SIMILAR TO THAT OF PORTUGAL. SECOND, GOP BELIEVES CRITERIA USED TO SELECT ITEMS FOR TARIFF REDUCTIONS SET EXCESSIVELY STRICT RESTRICTIONS AND, AS A RESULT, GOP MAY BE REQUESTED TO REDUCE TARIFFS ON AN INORDINATELY LARGE NUMBER OF ITEMS. MR. REGUEIRA SUGGESTED THAT A PORTUGUESE DELEGATION VISIT WASHINGTON IN LATTER HALF OF MARCH FOR DISCUSSIONS ON THESE AND OTHER TECHNICAL ISSUES. BEFORE MAKING A DEFINITE REQUEST, HE WISHES TO CONSULT WITH MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE AND TOURISM CAMPINOS. HE PROMISED TO INFORM EMBASSY ON MARCH 5 WHETHER, AND IF SO WHEN, PORTUGUESE DELEGATION WOULD BE PREPARED TO VISIT WASHINGTON.

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